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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC SYSTEMS PROGRAMS
DIRECTOR, NAVY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

Subj: TRANSFER OF NAVAL TREATY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM OFFICE

Ref: (a) ASN (RDA) memo of 25 Mar 94


Since 1994, the Director, Navy International Programs Office (IPO) has served as the Executive Agent for compliance and implementation of all applicable Arms Control Treaties and Agreements, excluding the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties (STARTs). Currently, the Director, Strategic Systems Programs is the Executive Agent responsible for the implementation of all START initiatives.

A review of the mission of Navy IPO has prompted a re-examination of the placement of the Naval Treaty Implementation Program Office (IPO-05). Based on this review, I have concluded that the Arms Control Compliance and Implementation functions should be merged and assumed by the Director, Strategic Systems Programs.

Accordingly, reference (a), which delegated the Arms Control functions to the Director, Navy International Programs Office, is hereby withdrawn. Effective at the start of fiscal year 2000, the Director, Strategic Systems Programs is designated as the Executive Agent for all DON Compliance and Implementation functions including the chairmanship of the Naval Arms Control Review Board.

To carry out this realignment, the Director, Navy IPO and the Director, Strategic Systems Programs shall develop a Memorandum of Agreement to effect the functional transfer of the personnel and budget for the Naval Treaty Implementation Program Office. OPNAV, HQ USMC and JAG should assist Strategic Systems Programs in its lead role. By copy to, I also request Comptroller of the Navy assistance in effecting the functional transfer required by this action.

This action is taken in the best interest of the Navy and serves to more appropriately focus resources on the expanding mission area of Arms Control Treaty Compliance and Implementation.


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